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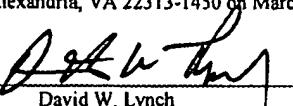
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks below.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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